of postcard, inland letter card and envelope is as under;

	Cost per unit in Rupee
Postcard.	1.54
Inland letter card . . .	1.57
Envelope	1.78

(b) The total revenue earned in the year 1992-93 is Rs. 307.07 crores and the total amount incurred by the Department on these items in the year 1992-93 is Rs. 438.61 crores.

STD facility in Abubshahar in Sirsa District

2556. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it 6s a fact that the Abubshahar Exchange in Sirsa, District of Haryana had been ordered to be provided with STD facility and the electronic exchange equipment had been sent to be installed there;

(to) whether lit is also a fact that the exchange is not working satisfactorily and STD too has not become operative; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what is being done in this regard now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The exchange lis working satisfactorily and the station has also been linked with S.T.D. facility.

(c) Does not arise, in view of 'B' above.

Disciplinary proceedings against offi. cials of Chitradurga postal division

2557. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state.-

(a) how many officials of Chitradurga division of Karnataka Circle (Deptt, of Posts) have been charge-sheeted under rule 14 and rule 16 Of CCS (CCA) rules, 1965 during last three years, the numbe of cases relating to SC/ST officials and the names of officers who acted upon as disciplinary authority in each case;

(b) what are the details of charges and punishments awarded in each case; and

(c) whether it is a fact that heavy punishments have been awarded to SC/ST officials intentionally in comparison to others?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) The information is beting collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Recruitment of Group 'D' employees in Postal Department

2558. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an interview for selection of candidates for the post of group 'D' was conducted in the office of Director of Accounts (Postal) Delhi on 30th July, 1993 and a panel of five candidates was found suitable and selected, on merit, by the selection Committee, so formed, following all rules and procedure;

(b) if so, the names of selected candidates and other particulars;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Panel of selected candidates was cancelled later on as a result of baseless

objection of a service union and false enquiry report;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and action taken against the officers at fault; and

(e) if not, whether all the five selected candidates have been served letters regaring their selection and action has been taken for their appoinment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names of the approved candidates found suitable by the Com. mitee alongwith their other particulars are as under: —

S. No.	Name	Educationl Qualification	Category
(i)	Sh. Ashok Kumar	8th	General
(ii)	Sh. Niklesh Kumar	8th	SC
(iii)	Sh. Sarwan Kumar	8th	SC
(iv)	Sh. Sohraj	8th	SC
(v)	Sh. Pawan Kumar	8th	SC

(c) On receipt of the report from Circle Secretary, All India Postal Accounts Employees Association, Delhi Branch, the matter was got investigated by an indepnedent officer. The panel was cancelled by the then Chief Postmaster General, Delhi Circle on the report of investigation carried out by the then Dy. Director of Accounts (Postal) Delhi and recommended by the Director of Accounts (Postal) Delhi. As such, it is incorrect to say that complaint of the Association was baseless and enquiry report false.

(d) and (e) The quetion does not arise in view of (c) above.

Connecting Rajkot and Jam Nagar with STD

2559. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA; Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the places which have been connected with STD facilities in Gujarat, especially in Rajkot and Jamnagar districts so far; and

(b) what are the places which are proposed to be connected with STD facilities in Gujarat, particularly in Rajkot and Jamnagar district, during the year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) A total of 284 places in Gujarat have been provided STD facility. Places connected with STD facilities in Rajkot Jamnagar districts are given below:

STD facility in Rajkot and Jamnagar Districts as on 28-2-94.

Rajkot District

1. Dhoraji
2. Jasdan
3. Kelvadava
4. Morvi
5. Rajkot
6. Sapar
7. Upleta
8. Vajadi
9. Virpur
10. Wankaner
11. Jamkandarana
12. Lodhika
13. Paddhari

Jam Nagar District

1. Alibada
2. Bhanvad
3. Bhatia
4. Dhrol